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Sicily was lost to Arabs

Alfred the Great of Britain  
defeated Danish Invaders.

Guthrum, king of Danes  
in East Anglia, invaded Wessex.

King Alfred the Great gathered  
levies from three shires and  
inflicted severe defeat upon  
the Danes at EDINGTON.

The Peace of WEDMORE was  
concluded, under which GUTHRUM  
consented to become Christian and

to withdraw from Wessex, while the  
supremacy of Alfred was acknowledged  
over the whole country south of  
the THAMES, and over the greater  
part of Mercia

878 to 893

King Alfred used the Peace to consolidate England.

He practically founded the British navy; reorganized the national defenses; raised public building and reclaimed waste lands; and revised all existing laws, combining those he found good into a single code.

He established schools, encouraged  
literature in the native tongue; &  
inspired the services of the church

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Alfred defeated the Danes  
at Edington in 878

Battle of ETIH ANDUN  
(Edington). One of most  
decisive battles in English  
history; Saxon under

Alfred the Great (849 - Apr. 26  
899) defeated Danes, ensuring  
survival of Saxon kingdom  
of Wessex, which eventually  
became the Danish invaders